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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**In the Specification**

**Page 3**

Please replace the first paragraph at page 3, line 2 to page 3, line 16 with the following:

The present invention is directed to a side bearing pad assembly for absorbing and cushioning compression forces. The assembly comprises a first and second housing, a first and second load bearing member, and biasing means. The first housing